



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO NEWS RELEASE

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## **COUNTY HELPS PET OWNERS PAY FOR SPAYING AND NEUTERING** *County and Five Participating Cities Offer Residents \$40 Coupons*

In order to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the community, the County and five participating cities are offering pet owners a \$40 coupon to have their animals spayed or neutered.

The coupons, which are accepted by veterinarians throughout the County, are available to residents of the unincorporated areas of the County and the cities of Carlsbad, Del Mar, Encinitas, San Diego, and Santee.

"The coupons will cover or at least defray the cost of spaying or neutering pets," said Dawn Danielson, director of the County's Department of Animal Services. "Spaying and neutering animals is the most effective way to reduce the number of unwanted puppies and kittens entering County shelters."

The coupons are available, while supplies last, at the three County Animal Shelters in Mission Valley, Bonita or Carlsbad. The coupons are funded through the County and the five cities that contract with the County for animal control and sheltering services.

"We've been giving out \$20 coupons for spaying and neutering services. But we're doubling the amount of the coupon until the end of June to encourage more people to spay or neuter their pets," Danielson said.

Eligible residents may also obtain a coupon by calling Pet Assistance at 619-544-1222 or the Spay-Neuter Action Project (SNAP) at 619-525-3047.

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